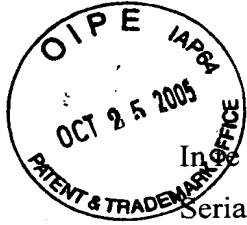


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**Request for Status**

Please advise of the status of the above-identified patent application. Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination January 28, 2005. Applicant is currently awaiting a first Office Action.

If there are any matters that can be cleared up through a telephone conversation, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at 214-953-6986.

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